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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3483

PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS MO
SUBJECT: VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY BENSON

REF: RABAT 3480 (NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH AWARE OF THE BASIC PURPOSE OF UNDER SECRETARY BENSON'S
VISIT, THE GOM NONETHELESS WILL EXPECT THE OCCASION TO FOCUS
OUR ATTENTION ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC AREAS:

A. DIFFERENCES IN OUR GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS AND LEGAL
PROCESSES MAKE FMS CREDIT AGREEMENTS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM AREA.
REFTEL ELIMINATES A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE QUICK CONCLUSION OF
FY 77 CREDIT AGREEMENT BY STATING EXACTLY HOW THE GOM PLANS TO
USE THE CREDIT. A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION BEFORE
UNDER SECRETARY BENSON'S VISIT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

B. THE ROYAL MOROCCAN AIR FORCE (RMAF) WANTS TO BUY 12
A-10 AIRCRAFT TO COUNTER THE THREAT OF EXTENSIVE ALGERIAN
ARMOR FORCES ON NORTHERN BORDER. SINCE THE GOM IS RELUCTANT
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TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST LEST IT BE REBUFFED, RECOMMEND
MRS BENSON BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH GOM
AUTHORITIES.

C. THE KING HAS DECIDED TO BUY SIX HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTERS
FOR RMAF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARTAIN REPORT BUT HAS NOT YET
DECIDED BETWEEN THE CH-47 AND THE CH-53 (AS INDICATED IN

REFTEL). MRS. BENSON MIGHT WISH TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL SALE OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO GOM.

D. THE FUTURE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL FOR MOROCCAN MILITARY PERSONNEL CURRENTLY BEING OPERATED AT KENITRA BY THE U.S. NAVY, IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE MRS BENSON SHOULD BE INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THINKING ON THIS PROJECT FOR DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR AND POSSIBLY MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES.
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